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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO POOR FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Government provides financial assistance to the poor for medical treatment ;

(b) : if so, the details of the criteria for getting such assistance; and

(c) : the details of the amount sanctioned during the past three years and the number of persons benefited, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Two schemes namely Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant are being operated by this Ministry.The criteria for these schemes are as under:-

RASHTRIYA AROGYA NIDHI - under this scheme financial assistance is provided to patients who are living below poverty line and are suffering from major life threatening disease, to receive medical treatment in Government Hospitals.The financial assistance is released in the form of 'one time grant'.

Health Minister's Discretionary Grant- under this scheme financial assistance is provided to the poor and needy patients for undergoing specialized interventions in any super-specialty hospitals/institution or other Government hospitals.

(c):The details of the amount sanctioned during the past three years and the number of patients benefited, State-wise is given in the Annexure.